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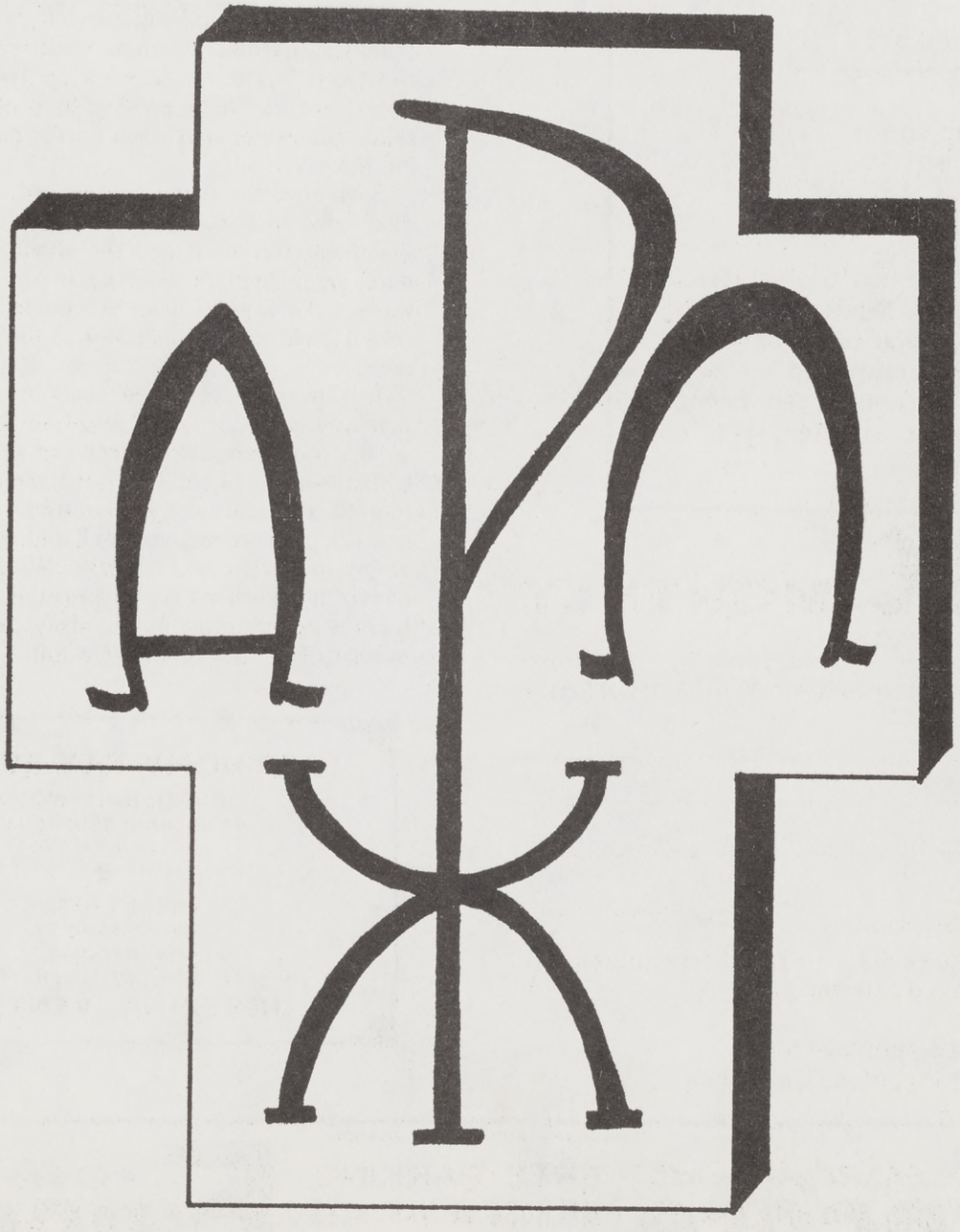

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FIRST SUNDAY FEBRUARY 28

Attend Church ... during Lent

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.—Psalm 51:10

In the Bay of San Fruttuoso, off the coast of Italy, there is a magnificent bronze statue called "Christ of the Deep." The statue rests 56 feet beneath the water, and was made possible by contributions from sailors and water sportsmen for the purpose of calming the sea.

Soon after the statue was erected in 1954, it was discovered that seaweed and barnacles were attaching themselves to it and the statue became just a dark green blob of seaweed in the water. Christ was not visible at all. Since that time the statue has received a cleaning periodically so that Christ can be seen.

It is the same way in our daily lives. If we do not regularly open our spirits for cleansing and renewal, so that our personal contact and communion with Christ is nurtured and cultivated, then Jesus becomes blurred and indistinct in our lives. Soon His love and His presence are obscured, and we find ourselves empty, powerless and fruitless. We come into newness of life when we accept Christ as our Savior, but there is no substitute for the daily cleansing and renewing of the life of Christ within.

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Your Gospel Choir is working very hard to make this group one of the best in the country. We are the only gay Gospel Choir; so let's make our community proud of us. You don't have to be gay to join us, just be present. So come on back Jay, you too Gary, and how about you Tom and Dale? We love and miss you all.

Our rehearsals are Monday and Thursday nights at 7:30 (only until 9:00PM), at 259 So. Rampart Blvd, in Hollywood. For more information call 383-7887 and ask for Marcy or Rachelle.

That's it for now. Remember "what I say onto you, I say onto all, watch!!! Mark 13:37 God Bless!
Shalom, Rachelle

NOTICE

The Parsonage has been vacated - every one worked very hard the past week to get all the offices moved to the new church. Due to this - some of the columns you're used to seeing - didn't get turned in this week.

Still no calendar page - thought we had someone to do this - but - guess the move has captured all our Deacons too -

Notices of Parish meetings that were available are printed thru' out the news.

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ORANGE COUNTY NEWS

The Costa Mesa Valentine's party was a huge success. Over 75 people attended the party hosted by Orange County Mission, many driving in from Long Beach and Los Angeles.

The attendance at services continues to grow - the average is about 40 now.

UNIDOS

Unidos is sponsoring Spanish classes every Tuesday evening from 7:00 to 10:00 PM. If you want to be able to converse with our Latin brothers and sisters plan to attend this class. Classes are held at 5626 De-Longpre Avenue in Hollywood.

NOTICE:
Beginning with this issue, except for previously contracted ads, there will be NO Commercial advertising in the MCC News.
Subscription rates and the donation price will remain the same. This is a joint action of your Board of Directors and the MCC News editorial staff.

HAVE YOU HEARD?

PARTY TIME FOR
MCC Youth Group

Astrological Birthday Party today after church! The "Cool Ades" are having the first of their zodiac monthly birthday parties. They will be leaving for "Farrells Ice Cream Parlor" immediately after church.
Steve

AUTHOR IN TOWN

Kay Tobin, of New York City spent several days in Los Angeles last week. Kay is co-author of a book to be released early this fall, 'The Gay Crusaders'.

She has been a very active worker in our community for the past several years. At one time Kay wrote for 'Gay', but now, besides the book, she is very active with the Gay Activist Alliance. GAA is primarily interested in law reform and will be demonstrating in Albany (NY State Capitol) next month. While in our city Kay interviewed Reverend Perry for the book and also Dick Michaels, Editor of the LA Advocate.

Randolfe Wicker is the co-author of The Gay Crusaders.

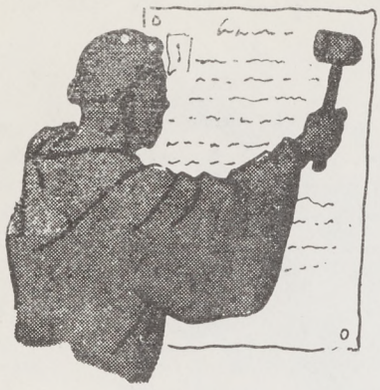
Watch for an in-depth review of their book later this year.

We were fortunate to be able to visit with Kay and wish her the very best of luck with her book.

"Its time we let the public know of all the interesting people that are at work liberating the homosexual" says Miss Tobin -

'The Gay Crusaders' will be about the "up front people" and there'll be lots of pictures. Watch for it - it should be at all the gay resort towns before Labor Day.

An up front book - by an up front writer.



TO ALL CONCERNED PEOPLE

"Give as giving unto the Lord" doesn't always apply to tithes - sometimes we need to labor (hard phisical work) in the Lord's vineyards and at times, tools are needed to do this labor of love.

Many months ago the publications department sent out a plea for assistance, and the plea was heard by many. These kind people donated (or loaned) a great deal of 'things' that are necessary to work in this department. We're very thankful and appreciative for their help.

Now - we are again in need, and are asking, please, for help again.

You're all aware by now that Donald Hughes is the new Editor of the denominational paper, In Unity, so this is primarily a plea to aid him in his work. In Unity is a 'baby' and in desperate need of ALL things necessary to publish a monthly magazine. So, all people, missions and Churches are asked to rally to the cause. The infancy stage of all phases of MCC's work needs constant care and nourishment - Thank God for the workers in our many vineyards - you, the congregations, always come through when youre needed. To quote an unknown author "The task ahead is never as great as the power behind us".... Here, now, is a list of things that are needed - again - please help us!

Polyethylene cartridges for an IBM Selectric #72. 5" X 8" file cards. Staples - we are OUT! Reams & reams of mimeograph paper. Two electric standard typewriters, preferably with the large carriages. Felt pens, black. Tablets and large scratch pads. Self - stick (or other) labels Large staplers with staples. No. 10 plain white envelopes. 9" X 12" manila envelopes. 7" X 9" manila envelopes. May we repeat, for your information, that the five most needed items are: Electric typewriters Polyethyelene cartridges for an IBM Selectric #72, Staplers and staples, #10 envelopes, and 9" X12" manila envelopes.

Thank you and you and YOU - Bring your donations to Mr. Hughes at the publications van.

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THE DEACONS CLOSET

The Deacons' Closet is in need of many items once again. Although it is a constant problem to keep the closet filled Deacon Chairman Bill Thorne is doing his best under the circumstances. We make this appeal to every member, friend, visitor every one of my brothers and sisters who can afford a few dollars for groceries every other week or so. Help our Deacons feed those who are out of work & down on their luck! Surely we don't want to sing the tune to "Old Mother Hubbard's Cupboard" do we, when those in need come to MCC? Bring those canned goods to church on Sunday or to the parsonage during the week. Some poor soul will thank you from the bottom of his heart and the Lord will surely "bless you real, real good."

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Barrie Bryant

Very few of us have known the very real PAIN of gnawing hunger. Oh, sure, we've said ourselves, 'Gee, I'm hungry' and gotten something to eat. How many of you have rushed through a cold, windy, rainy night to the warmth and dryness that you will find behind your own closed door? How many of you have been shaken from a happy dream to the reality of another working day by the raucous snarl of an alarm clock? Then up to shower, paw through a closet for something to wear to the job.

Are you aware that there are MANY of our brothers and sisters that are literally faint and in physical pain from the lack of ANY kind of food. These people have no door to close out the cold, windy, rain. No bed in which to have happy dreams nor an alarm clock to snarl at them. To them it would not be a snarl because they have no jobs to be awakened for. All too often they don't have to face the problem of what to wear because they have THEIR ENTIRE wardrobe clinging to a tired, hungry, aching body.

What can they do? Where can they turn? One place is Our Department of Personal Services where our welfare and job referral counselling will find them housing. Clothe and feed them, find a job source and maybe even retraining programs so that they may again have security.

How many of you are aware that Mr. Reagan's political avaricity has cut off aid for the single man in this state? That our transvestites and transsexuals can recieve NO public assistance. Are you aware of the discrimination and humiliation, these our own family, are being faced with daily.

This alone calls for action on YOUR part! Bombard your state legislator with letters and telegrams demanding this senseless, inhumane discrimination cease at ONCE.

This department is faced with and meeting the responsibility of caring for the victims of this abuse of public office. The absolute heartless treatment our needy and helpless sick, heterosexual or homosexual, reminds me of another infamous personage of history whose remark "let them eat cake" caused the parting of her egocentric head from her fully nourished and well cared for body.

We are no longer living in the age of the guillotine. This is supposed to be an enlightened age. How ever, man's baser nature has not changed and the greed for power is still very much with us. Unfortunately personal gain has closed the eyes of our state leadership to the Christian concept that we are all God's children and that we ARE our brother's keeper.

We of MCC and the Personal Services Department adhere to our Christian responsibilities and clothe the naked and feed the hungry as our God has willed us to.

Due to these new welfare rulings and the unfaced fact that southern California is in the midst of a depression nearing the magnitude of the thirties you can see the importance of the welfare program in our Personal Services Department.

YOU can help us. Bring in canned goods and clothing for our Deacon's closet ANY time. Whether it be one can or a case of canned goods - remember hunger is a terrible thing! Bring in clothing! Don't wait just for our ingathering Sunday each month. Need is EVERYDAY. When you go to your market throw in a can or two for MCC, especially protein foods, meat, fish. Bring it to church with you and give it to anyone with a name plate they'll see that it gets to us.

Those of you who are having a bit of bad luck come to us, we are your family! Yes, it's charity but it is charity in the original meaning of the word. LOVE! When you are back on your feet you can help us help others.

This then, is the Department of Personal Services. One of the many working groups of Metropolitan Community Church proving that God loves all of us. Trying to do his will by loving and caring for our fellow humans. God is love. Love does not discriminate. Love is for EVERYONE.

Remember the SHUT-INS

LONG BEACH PARISH

Long Beach Parish is really rolling. This last weeks get-to-gether was supported by twenty-one members, and we'd like to boast there were equally as many gals as guys! This coming Friday we're all meeting for a pot luck dinner dance at the Recreation Hall on Malino in Long Beach. Our meetings are open to those who wish to join us and you simply can't get bored as we have quite a variety scheduled for March, which includes 1st Wednesday Bible Study Group 2nd Wednesday Discussion Group 3rd Wednesday Bowling for fun and recreation and the 4th Wednesday a debate tournament on how to get a job and keep it! So long and hope to see you real, real soon.

Long Beach Parish - March 3rd
Time - 8:00 PM
Event: Bible Study and By Laws
Leviticus 20,21,22 Article I & II
Place : Connie and Pat's
10502 A Atlantic Ave. South Gate Phone 563-2333

Ask Brother June:
P. O. Box 6305
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Brother June Says:
'Tis a curious thing and one worth noting:
Those concerned with the welfare of others seem to have fewer problems of their own.

DANK TO SPEAK

Professor Barry Dank will be speaking at One Institute, March 7th, at 3:00 PM.

His subject is "Coming Out In The Gay World". One Institute is located at 2256 Venice Boulevard in Los Angeles.

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CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Bill Bennett - the new Social Director here in LA. Alan Davis has moved to San Diego and Mr. Bennett was appointed by the Board of Directors to fill the vacancy until election time in October.

COUNCELLING

Reverend Ken Jones will be available for personal counselling sessions Tuesday evenings; by appointment only. Call Kevin at the church office for appointments.

HOLLYWOOD PARISH

March 2nd we'll meet at 259 South Rampart. Rev. Harrison, of our Costa Mesa Mission will be guest speaker that night.

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Time: March 10, 1971, 1:00PM

Place: SEWERS OF PARIS, 1608 Cosmo Street, Hollywood.

This meeting should be of particular interest to tavern owners and managers. Individual members and non-members are welcome. Tavern Guild members are urged to attend. (Non-member tavern owners and managers are most cordially invited.) As space is limited, reservations are requested. Call 463-3146 for further information.

KEEP YOUR SUBSCRIPTION UP TO DATE

FROM THE PASTOR'S OFFICE

This past Tuesday evening Reverend Perry addressed a class at Cal State, Fullerton. He did his usually dynamic best and it was most encouraging to feel the response of the enlightened students.

He won't be with us on Sunday, March 14th as he has been invited to address the Gay People at Columbia University in New York City, and then to speak at a rally on Sunday afternoon in Albany. He plans to return on the 15th and remain in Los Angeles until the 24th when he'll fly back to meet with the National Council on Religion and the Homophile. His itinerary does promise, however, for him to be back with us in church for Sunday services on the 28th.

There are more dates being held tentatively for Reverend Perry to be away from his desk in April and through the rest of the year. Be sure to watch this column and listen closely on Sundays for confirmation of these engagements.

Reverend Perry's office appointments are very much filled until after Dedication Day. Please let's all try to ease his heavy load and avail ourselves of the services of Reverend Hose and/or Barrie Bryant in our Personal Services Department. Appointments for Revrend Hose may be scheduled by phoning the new church office number 748-0123. Counseling appointments for Barrie Bryant in Personal Services, may be set up by phoning him personally at his office in the new church. His telephone number is 748-7176. He deserves a big congratulation for his tireless efforts and for easing the load in Reverend Perry's office. Where we aren't qualified to deal with many of the situations which come to our attention, Barrie is able to well take care of. In an emergency or crisis situation, 748-1904 is the number to call for immediate help. The monitors on the Crisis Intervention line are the best ones in the church to help you in a situation of an urgent nature.

Before closing, a great big welcome home to 'Mom' Perry we all missed her the month that she vacationed in Florida. It's great to have her back home and to be with her every day in the office.
Kevin

VALLEY PARISH
Meetings are being held the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. In March the meetings will be held at Kathy and Shawns - 7725 Laurel Canyon Blvd., in North Hollywood on March 9th and March 23rd. Call 664-3709 or 875-0419 for further info.

BEACH PARISH
Beach Parish held it's third meeting at the home of Larry and Norm in Westchester on Feb. 10th. Although there were only six present, two of those were newcomers---so word IS being spread about the meetings of the beach parish.
We discussed ways in which our parish might do our part to help on some project with the new church. It was also announced by Deacon Glenn Schmoll that beginning in March that parish meetings would be held twice a month on Wednesdays.
Our next meeting will be a pot luck social at the home of Deacon Schmoll, 927 9th St., Manhattan Beach, March 3rd at 8:00 PM. If you plan to attend, please call 376-8024 right away so the menu can be co-ordinated.
Beach Parish - March 3rd
Time 8:00 PM
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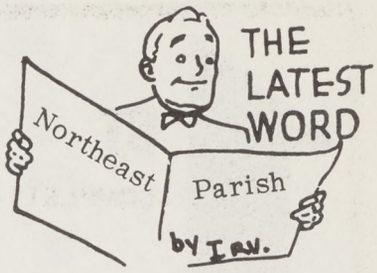
ARE YOU READY TO MEET CHRIST SHOULD HE COME TODAY?



NORTHEAST PARISH
Next meeting: March 2nd, 1971 at Jim Masons', 194 E. washington Blvd. in Pasadena. For directions you may call Jim at 684-1792. Also, if you plan to attend, please take along with you, a pillow, for a little extra "comfort" (you'll be glad you did when the evenings over) This meeting is planned for discussion night, the topic to be discussed is still undetermined at this moment, but if you have a particular subject in mind, give Jim a call right away!

Our meeting last week at Rogers' place was a "white elephant" affair, and proved to be enjoyable for all. I have been informed that $27.65 was taken in to go towards furniture for our new home. Attendance that night was 31.

Also discussed that evening was that mailing of notices for the future parish meetings will be discontinued! If you wish to receive a notice, you must bring with you to each meeting a self-addressed "stamped" envelope, otherwise you will NOT receive a notice announcing the next meeting. The cost for making these notices, and the mailing of them, are the reasons for this change.

On March 16th, a professional tax accountant has been set-up to be with us for our meeting that night. If you have any particular questions to ask, please write them down and hand them in at our next meeting, March 2nd!

So friends, until we meet in Christian fellowship at our next meeting of the "Big One" The Northeast Parrish....
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